

Amendments to the Claims:

1 (Currently amended): A system for notifying a subscriber about an event, comprising:

~~a voice mail switch that is configured to receive an event and an identifier associated with the event~~ a plurality of voice mail switches, wherein each voice mail switch is configured to receive an event and an identifier associated with the event; and

a notification server, coupled to a the plurality of voice mail switches ~~switches~~, that is configured to perform actions including:

~~receiving the event and the identifier;~~

~~generating~~ obtaining a personal unique identifier (PUID) that identifies a subscriber registered with the notification server and maps to a plurality of identifiers, wherein at least one of the plurality of identifiers is associated with a different voice mail switch than the other of the plurality of identifiers;

receiving an event and an identifier from at least one of the plurality of voice mail switches;

correlating the identifier associated with the event with the PUID that identifies the subscriber registered with the notification server;

generating an alert; and

sending the alert to the subscriber indicating that the event occurred.

2 (original): The system of Claim 1, wherein the alert includes an event reference that links the subscriber to the event such that the subscriber can retrieve the event through a web portal view associated with a URL.

3 (original): The system of Claim 1, wherein the notification server is further configured to generate a personal unique identifier (PUID) associated with the subscriber.

4-5 (cancelled)

6 (original): The system of claim 1, further comprising a web service interface that is configured to allow the subscriber to register to receive the alert.

7 (original): The system of Claim 6, wherein the web service interface is further configured to allow the subscriber to designate at least one destination where the alert is sent.

8 (original): The system of Claim 1, wherein the notification server is further configured to log the event after the alert is generated.

9 (original): The system of Claim 1, wherein the notification server is further configured to determine if the subscriber has registered to receive the alert, the notification server logging an attempt to correlate the identifier with the subscriber and discarding the event when the identifier does not correlate to the subscriber.

10 (original): The system of Claim 1, wherein the identifier is a telephone number associated with the event.

11 (original): The system of Claim 1, wherein the event is at least one of: a voice mail message, a stock price, a sports score, a product delivery message, a fax, and telephone billing information.

12 (original): The system of Claim 1, wherein the voicemail switch comprises a data store for storing the events.

13 (Currently amended): A method for notifying a subscriber about an event, comprising:

receiving an event and an identifier associated with the event at a one of a plurality of voice mail ~~switches~~ switch;

forwarding the event and the identifier to a notification server associated with a the plurality of voice mail switches;

generating, on the notification server, a personal unique identifier (PUID) that identifies a subscriber registered with the notification server and maps to a plurality of identifiers, wherein at least one of the plurality of identifiers is associated with a different voice mail switch than the other of the plurality of identifiers;

correlating the identifier associated with the event with the PUID that identifies the subscriber registered with the notification server;
generating an alert; and
sending the alert to the subscriber indicating that the event occurred.

14 (original): The method of Claim 13, further comprising:
linking the subscriber to the event through a network via a URL; and
retrieving the event through a web portal view that is associated with the URL.

15 (canceled).

16 (previously presented): The method of Claim 13, further comprising determining if the subscriber is registered to receive the alert.

17 (previously presented): The method of Claim 13, further comprising logging the event.

18 (previously presented): The method of Claim 13, further comprising:
logging an attempt to correlate the identifier with the subscriber; and
discarding the event when the identifier does not correlate to the subscriber.

19 (previously presented): The method of Claim 13, wherein sending the alert further comprises sending the alert to at least one destination designated by the subscriber.

20 (Currently amended): A system for notifying a subscriber about an event, comprising:

a means for receiving an event and an identifier associated with the event at a one of a plurality of voice mail switches ~~switch~~;

a means for forwarding the event and the identifier to a notification server associated with a plurality of voice mail switches;

a means for generating, on the notification server, a personal unique identifier (PUID) that identifies a subscriber registered with the notification server and maps to a plurality of identifiers, wherein at least one of the plurality of identifiers is associated with a different voice mail switch than the other of the plurality of identifiers;

a means for correlating the identifier associated with the event with the PUID that identifies the subscriber registered with the notification server;

a means for generating an alert; and

a means for sending the alert to the subscriber indicating that the event occurred.

21 (original): The system of Claim 20, further comprising:

a means for linking the subscriber to the event through a network via a URL, and

a means for retrieving the event through a web portal view that is associated with the URL.